

REMARKS

Further to a telephone conversation with Examiner Charles Boyer on August 8, 2005, claims 1 and 25 are amended to identify the presence of a hardening agent. This component is supported by the specification at, for example, page 10, line 30, and page 6, lines 3-11. Accordingly, no new matter is introduced by this amendment, and entry thereof is requested. Upon entry, claims 1, 4-11, 25, 27-34, and 38-53 are active in this application.

Examiner Charles Boyer is thanked for the helpful and courteous discussion of the issues in this application held on August 8, 2005. It is understood that in view of the above amendment, this application is in condition for allowance.

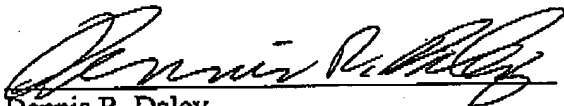
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